

**REMARKS**

In the Office Action mailed April 25, 2007, the Examiner rejected claims 1-9, 11, 12, 14-19 and 21-27, withdrew claims 23-25 from consideration, and objected to claims 6 and 8. In this response, Applicants have amended claims 1, 8, 11, 14, and 15. Claims 1-4, 8, 11, 14, and 15 are currently pending and the remaining claims have been cancelled previously or are cancelled herewith.

**I. Allowable Subject Matter**

Claims 6 and 8 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but have been indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of their base claims and any intervening claims. Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that these claims are allowable.

In response, Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claims 5 and 6 (claim 6 previously depended upon claim 5 so both claims limitations are being recited in newly amended claim 1). Therefore, claim 6 has been rewritten in independent form as claim 1. Claim 8 has been written independent form to include the limitations of its independent claim 1 and intervening claim 7.

Therefore, these claim objections have been addressed and the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw these objections and allow newly amended claims 1 and 8.

**II. Claim Objections**

Claim 9 was objected to based on informalities. Claim 9 is cancelled herewith and the objection of claim 9 is now moot.

**III. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112(2<sup>nd</sup> Paragraph)**

Claim 22 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112(2<sup>nd</sup> Paragraph) as being indefinite. Claim 22 is cancelled herewith and the rejection of this claim is now moot.

**IV. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103**

Claims 1-5, 7, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16-18, 21, 22, 26, and 27 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious in light of numerous references cited by the Examiner. Claims 16-18, 21, 22, 26, and 27 are cancelled herewith and the rejection of these claims is moot.

Independent claim 1 is believed to be non-obvious as the Examiner already agreed that a claim with these limitations would be allowable. As such, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw his rejection of claim 1 on these grounds. Further, claims 2-4 depend from claim 1 and are also believed to be allowable and the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw those rejections as well.

Dependent claims 11, 12, 14, and 15 now also depend from claim 8 which is also believed to be allowable as noted above. Therefore, these dependent claims are also believed to be allowable and the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejection of these claims as well.

**CONCLUSION**

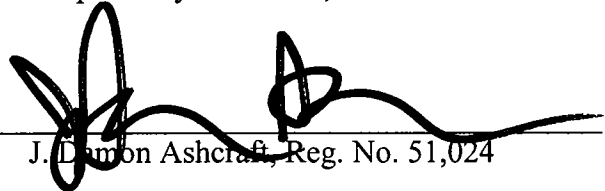
In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims now pending are in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would be useful in moving the application forward to allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Damon Ashcraft at 602-382-6389. Applicants authorize and respectfully requests that any fees due be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-2814. **This statement does NOT authorize charge of the issue fee.**

Respectfully submitted,

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